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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: U. S. v. Reilly Tar and Chemical Corp.

FROM: Gene A. Lucero, Director *GA Lucero*  
Office of Waste Programs Enforcement

TO: Basil G. Constantelos, Director  
Waste Management Division  
Region V

I would like to take this opportunity to commend Paul Bitter of your staff for his outstanding performance on the Reilly Tar case. Paul's diligence, conscientiousness, and creative approach to solving complex technical issues has been instrumental in formulating a long term remedy at this site and preparing the Agency's case for trial.

The Reilly Tar case has entered a critical phase, with settlement negotiations, intensive trial preparation, and certain remedial planning activities proceeding concurrently. The Justice Department and Office of Regional Counsel each have recently added attorneys to the case and I have assigned Kate Sellers, a newly hired engineer, to assist Chris Grundler of my staff. A similar commitment is needed on behalf of your division to assist Paul at this important time in the case. I would like to add that, in general, all offices need to be prepared to commit additional resources to these cases as they approach critical phases in litigation.

Please give me a call if you would like to discuss this matter further. My staff and I look forward to working with Paul to resolve the Reilly matter and on cases in the future.

cc: Steve Ramsey, DOJ  
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